



Have a happy &
safe 4th of July!

Items of Interest

City offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 for Independence Day. Trash normally collected on Wednesday will be picked up on Tuesday, July 3.

Summer III Swimming Lessons - Registration July 2-6 with classes scheduled July 9-20.

July 4 Celebration at the Fairgrounds.

July 6 Oxbow Wagon Train arrives at Ft. Meade.

July 6 and 22 - Concert in the park - 7:00 p.m. Featuring the Northern Hills Community Band.

July 7 - BAM - Sturgis City Park 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Register now for 5th and 6th Grade Tackle Football. Practice will begin the week of August 20. Cost: \$50.00 for members and \$60.00 for non-members.



Upcoming Meetings

Sturgis City Council: July 2, 16 and 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Erskine Building.

Note: If you want to be scheduled on the City Council agenda, you must notify the Finance Office by 4:00 p.m. on Monday the week prior to the Council meeting.

Park Board: July 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Morman Law office.

Planning and Zoning: July 10 and 31 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, Room B.

MUB: July 11 at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall, Room A.

Forestry: July 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sturgis Fire Hall.

Sturgis Arts Council: July 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Sturgis City Hall.

Library Board: July 25 at 4:00 p.m. at the Sturgis Library.

Officials

Mayor

Mark Carstensen 490-1044

Council Members

Ward One:

Joe DesJarlais 347-7928

Kelly Vasknetz 490-0361

Ward Two:

David Hersrud 347-5061

Marcia Johnston 347-2483

Ward Three:

Jamie McVay 720-5780

Ron Waterland 720-5010

Ward Four:

Tim Potts 720-4233

Dane Sundstrom 490-1172

City Manager

Daniel Ainslie 347-4422

Practice is Key to Emergency Response

On June 21 emergency responders and staff from the City, County and State took part in an emergency management exercise in Sturgis. A mock law enforcement emergency situation allowed participants to work through a large scale response using resources that would be available in a real life situation.

According to Ron Koan, Sturgis Disaster Mitigation Specialist, you simply can't be too prepared for an unexpected emergency, whether it's a natural disaster or a law enforcement situation.

By conducting various types of exercises, we can make sure we have workable plans in place when something unexpected happens. Flexibility is key and our staff needs to be prepared to step in and provide services that they might not normally provide.

We also need to be familiar with other agencies in the Black Hills and what resources they have available. In a community the size of Sturgis, we need to rely on support agencies like the Red Cross, the National Guard and possibly neighboring law enforcement resources. By working through various emergency scenarios on a regular basis, we are better prepared to handle the unexpected.

In an emergency situation, communications are important. The City has an agreement with the HelpLine Center (211) to provide callers with basic information including evacuation instructions, sheltering and road closures. Depending on the type and scale of the incident, the 24-hour helpline can also provide information related to volunteering, locating friends and relatives and other relevant information.

During an emergency, residents should check the city website and listen to local radio station KBHB for information updates.

The American Red Cross provides a wealth of information about being prepared for an emergency. To learn more, visit their website at: americanredcross.org.

Fun & Fitness Programs Popular With Sturgis Kids

Fun and Fitness programs are popular among Sturgis area children. Sponsored by the Sturgis Community Center, the after school and summer fitness programs are accredited with the State of South Dakota as daycare programs and provide a safe, supervised and fun environment.

During the summer months, the Fun & Fitness program keeps kids busy with games, field trips to Black Hills attractions, swimming, crafts and much more. Kids also learn about archeology, wellness and the environment. Some of the excursions in 2012 include hiking Bear Butte, visiting Roubaix Lake, and playing at Storybook Island.

The after school program during the fall and winter months has similar activities but the programming is only for a few hours each afternoon. The Fun and Fitness program is overseen by Coordinator Beckie Geffre and Instructors Lacey Hinker and Keyo Halbmaier. The staff takes every precaution to ensure a fun and structured environment for all the children.

On average, the program serves 20 kids per day during the summer and 35 kids each afternoon during the school year.

The Community Center has offered the Fun & Fitness program since 1997. If you are interested in having your child participate, contact the Community Center at 347-6513. Space is limited and some activities require fees and waivers.



Nutrition Program Established In Sturgis

A new organization was recently formed in Sturgis with the goal of providing meals to the elderly and other qualified residents in the community.

The organization is made up of a board of directors and is working closely with Prairie Hills Transit. President Deb Baker is the Managing Agent for Heritage Acres, Inc., a 170 unit income-based, senior property in Sturgis. According to Baker, Meade County has been without a meals program since August of 2011. During that time, community members relied on the Sturgis Senior Center to meet their nutritional needs. Unfortunately, not all seniors can afford the meals at the Senior Center and the Center doesn't have the resources to handle all the needs in the community.

The Department of Social Services, Division of Adult Services and Aging (DSS), has issued a contract to help subsidize the cost of the meals.

The Sturgis Nutrition Program will begin serving meals in July. Most meals will be prepared from scratch at the Heritage Acres kitchen. Serving sites have been established at both Heritage Acres and the Hillsview High-rise. Meals will also be delivered by Prairie Hills Transit to those who cannot travel to the community dining areas. According to Baker, one positive aspect of participants coming to the congregate dining rooms for their meals is the socialization opportunities. Many seniors live alone and having the opportunity to spend time with others is important to healthy living.

The program will serve over 40 meals each day. Organizers are currently focused on immediate needs including soliciting funds to purchase basic supplies such as flour, sugar and spices. Seasonal produce will also be incorporated into the menu and donations of garden produce will be accepted.

If you would like to help, you can make a donation to the Sturgis Nutrition Program at the Finance Office at City Hall.

For more information or to register for the program, contact Deb Baker at 605-347-3077.

July Opinion Poll

In your opinion, should the City try to profit from the Rally?
To cast your vote, visit the City webpage.

Vandalism Costs Property Owners and Tax Payers

In recent months, Sturgis Police have been receiving several reports of vandalism. Vandalism includes intentional damage to vehicles, graffiti being painted on signs and buildings and damage to benches and other facilities in the city parks.

According to Police Chief Jim Bush, "It's hard to catch vandals in the act and we need residents to keep an eye out for unusual activities." Call 911 immediately if you see an individual or group of individuals acting suspicious - especially after dark when most vandalism occurs.



Reminder - Residential House Numbers Are Required

Sturgis emergency responders remind home owners to make sure house numbers are clearly visible from the street. Inability to locate correct addresses in emergency situations can delay response.

Sturgis ordinance 15.02.04 requires all houses or buildings fronting on any public street or avenue in the City be identified with numbers of sufficient size and color, and shall be located as to be easily read from the street.

If you are unsure of your address, contact the Community Development Office at 347-4424.



Numbers measuring 4" tall or more are recommended.



At the Library in July

Orlando Chamber Soloists *Teddy Bear Series* - Stories set to classical music. July 10 and 17 at 9:30 a.m.

Teen Summer Reading Program Artist Workshop - Featuring artist Daryl No Heart from the South Dakota Arts Council. July 9 - 12 at 3:30 p.m. each day.

Programs are sponsored by the South Dakota Arts Council and the Sturgis Area Arts Council.

City Council Review

During the June City Council meetings, the Council approved an amendment to Title 16 dealing with regulating the use of golf carts on city streets. The amendment provides language that brings the ordinance more in line with recent changes made by the state that allows golf carts to be operated on certain public roads without the need to meet all of the normal equipment requirements applied to other licensed motor vehicles. The amendments also include provisions for obtaining a city permit and other safety related requirements.

The proposed ordinance regulating camping on private property was discussed. A public meeting was held on June 11 to obtain public input and address concerns from property owners. Several modifications were made following the meeting. The ordinance was tabled at the June 18 meeting, pending more discussion and possible modifications.

A first reading of Title 37 regarding city transit (taxi) regulations was passed on June 18. The new ordinance requires taxi operators who do not have a business license to obtain a temporary vendor permit to operate during the Rally. In addition, transit vehicles would need to have a city license displayed on the vehicle and operators would need to meet certain criteria related to insurance and background verification. The ordinance also restricts transit services from operating in the airspace over the City.

After some discussion, the resolutions for temporary traffic controls and street closures during the Rally were passed.

To review all the Council actions, visit the City Website at Sturgis-sd.gov and click on the *Agendas and Minutes* page. Council meetings are held the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Erskine Building.

Fireworks Reminder

Fireworks are allowed in the City from 6:00 a.m. on July 3 until midnight on July 4. Fireworks are not allowed at any time in the city parks. Fireworks that contain an open flame such as Chinese Lanterns are strictly prohibited.

The use of fireworks may be banned by the City Council at any time due to the existence of heightened fire danger. See Title 12 chapter 12.08 of the City Ordinances for details.



July 4 Celebration

Sturgis Fairgrounds

- * Tractor Pulls
- * Motorcycle Exhibits
- * Stunts
- * Mini-Sprint Car Races
- * Games all afternoon
- * Prizes

- * Free BBQ & Pot-luck Picnic at 6:00 p.m.
- * Fireworks provided by the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department

Sponsored by the Jackpine Gypsies, Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department, The City of Sturgis and area businesses

Contact Information

- City Hall 347-4422
City Attorney 347-4422
Code Enforcement 347-4424
Community Development 347-4424
Finance Office 347-4422
Human Resources 347-4422
Rally Department 720-0800
1040 2nd Street

Community Center 347-6513
5:00 - 8:00 Mon. - Fri.
8:00 - 5:00 Sat.
Noon - 5:00 Sun.
1401 Lazelle Street

Fire & Ambulance 347-5801
Emergency 911
7:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1901 Ballpark Road

Library 347-2624
8:30 - 7:00 Mon. - Thur.
8:30 - 5:00 Fri.
8:30 - 4:00 Sat.
1040 2nd Street

Liquor Store 347-5983
8:00 - 10:00 Mon. - Sat.
10:00 - 8:00 Sun.
1075 Lazelle Street

Parks Department 347-9018
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1920 Ballpark Road
Shelter Reservations call 347-4422

Police Department 347-5070
Emergency 911
1400 Main Street

Public Works 347-3916
7:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri.
1057 Dudley Street
Rubble Site
8:00 - 5:00 Tue. - Fri.
8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00 Mon. and Sat.

Water Department 347-4425
8:00 - 4:45 Mon. - Fri.
After Hour Emergency call
Police Dispatch 347-2573
1040 2nd Street
Drop boxes: 2901 Vanocker Canyon and City Hall 1040 2nd Street

Website: Sturgis-sd.gov